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1. The Bulgarian Government, maintaining their word concerning their proposed plan of reducing the cost of living, cut prices in March 1954 on various articles, particularly on clothing, which still remains, however, very high. The average price cut amounted to approximately 25 percent and new gradual cuts are allegedly to take place annually.

2. The following prices were in effect in Bulgaria as of 1 July 1954:

a. Foodstuffs

Macaroni	7 leva per kg.	25X1
Rice	10 leva per kg.	
Sunflower oil	12 leva per kg.	
Beef	10-11-12 leva per kg.	
Pork	13 leva per kg.	
Butter	24 leva per kg.	
Milk	2.40 leva per liter	
Jam	7 leva per kg.	
Eggs	0.50 leva each	
Beer	1.60 leva per glass	

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b. Clothing

Ladies' shoes	70-200 leva per pair
Men's shoes	140 leva per pair (average)
Good woolen material for overcoats	200 leva per meter
Cotton goods	10-15 leva per meter
Nylon stockings (Bulgarian)	70-100 leva per pair
Leather gloves	20-30 leva per pair
Cotton sweaters	120 leva

c. Cosmetics

Lipstick	4 leva
Permanents	20 leva

d. Miscellaneous

Movie admission ticket	2.40-3 leva
Rent (3-room apartment with bath)	80-100 leva per month.

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